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Office Action Summary	Application No. 09/927,262	Applicant(s) ARNDT ET AL.	
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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 10 August 2001.
- 2a) ☐ This action is FINAL. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-10 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-10 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 10 August 2001 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

Claims 1-10 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by DeLorme et al. (5,948,040).

Claim 1: DeLorme et al. discloses a method for providing access to a commercial establishment comprising the steps of:

- a. locating a portable device at a terrestrial position at a point in time (using a GPS system) (col 10, lines 33-38 and 53-58; col 14, lines 66-67; col 15, lines 1-5 and 61-67; col 16, lines 1-15; col 77, lines 34-44 and Fig. 9B);
- b. identifying a commercial establishment in proximity to said portable device at said point in time based upon said terrestrial position (col 77, lines 34-44 and col 77, lines 60-63);
- c. providing a response specific to said commercial establishment (col 77, lines 34-44 and col 77, lines 60-63).

Claim 2: DeLorme et al. discloses a method as in claim 1 for receiving a navigational signal on the portable device (GPS) (col 16, lines 41-59, col 21, lines 27-57 and col 73, lines 36-50 and Fig 9B).

Claim 3: DeLorme et al. discloses a method as in claim 2 for providing a response step comprising the step of paying for goods or services from the commercial

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establishment (col 16, lines 16-32; col 60, lines 7-16; col 63, lines 33-37; Fig 3 and Fig 8A, elements 809 and 816).

Claim 4: DeLorme et al. discloses a method as in claim 2 providing a response step comprising of paying an admission fee (col 15, lines 61-67; col 16, lines 1-32; col 60, lines 7-16; col 63, lines 33-37; Fig 3 and Fig 8A, elements 809 and 816).

Claim 5: DeLorme et al. discloses a method as in claim 4 providing a response step comprising of generating an access code within the portable device (col 16, lines 16-32; col 67, lines 29-34 and Fig 8B).

Claim 6: DeLorme et al. discloses a method as in claim 5 wherein the portable device is adapted to communicate the access code to a receiver at the commercial establishment (col 16, lines 16-32 and col 21, lines 27-57).

Claim 7: DeLorme et al. discloses a method for utilizing a transportation service comprising the steps of:

- a. locating a portable device at a terrestrial position (GPS) (col 10, lines 33-38 and 53-58; col 14, lines 66-67; col 15, lines 1-5 and 61-67; col 16, lines 1-15; col 77, lines 34-44 and Fig. 9B);
- b. determining the availability of a transportation service based upon the terrestrial position (col 21, lines 27-57; col 77, lines 34-44 and col 77, lines 60-63);
- c. communicating the terrestrial position to transportation service (col 21, lines 27-57; col 77, lines 34-44 and col 77, lines 60-63).

Claim 8: DeLorme et al. discloses a method as in claim 7 wherein the locating step comprises receiving a navigational signal (col 73, lines 36-50 and Fig 9B).

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Claim 9: DeLorme et al. discloses a method as in claim 8 comprising the step of paying a service charge (col 60, lines 7-16; col 63, lines 33-37; Fig 3 and Fig 8A, elements 809 and 816).

Claim 10: DeLorme et al. discloses a method as in claim 9 wherein the service charge is a ride fare (col 16, lines 41-59 and col 21, lines 27-57).

Conclusion

The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

- A. Hall et al. (6,026,375) discloses a method for receiving an order from a mobile customer, identifying goods or services providers, determining the location of the customer and the goods or services provider, providing a navigational response and allowing the customer to purchase and pay for the goods or services.
- B. Baranowski (6,813,608) discloses a method for linking a mobile customer to the operations of a business in a bounded environment including viewing and tracking the location of the customer, providing an interactive map and allowing the customer to initiate searches for information and products and making electronic purchases.
- C. Sehr (6,926,203) discloses a method that encompasses a plurality of travel service providers and a multi-application traveler device providing travel-related information and allowing for the purchase of goods or services.

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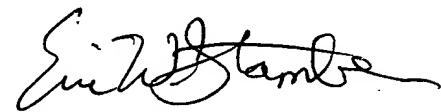
D. Kargman (US 2002/0049644) discloses a method for the execution of a commercial transaction from a mobile customer with a one-touch button on a portable device, providing navigational information and allowing the customer to purchase and pay for the goods or services.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Tri V. Nguyen whose telephone number is (571) 272-6965. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 8:30 AM to 5 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Eric Stamber can be reached on (571) 272-6724. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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